

## **FEDERAL FACILITIES FORUM TELECONFERENCE**

### **January 8, 2004**

#### **SPRING 2004 TSP MEETING**

The Spring 2004 TSP meeting will be held in conjunction with the NARPM conference during the week of May 24 in Miami, FL. The meeting will include Monday morning plenary sessions followed by a series of 2- to 4-hour training sessions and technical/policy presentations or expert panel discussions through Thursday. NARPM anticipates sponsoring a field trip on Friday, May 28.

Approximately one-half of the Forum has informed the co-chairs of their meeting topics of interest and travel schedules. Members who have not yet done so are requested to review the NARPM topic list provided to them earlier. They should return the list by January 9 and indicate which sessions they are interested in attending or leading. Members also are requested to inform the co-chairs of their anticipated travel and attendance schedule.

Based on the members' input, the co-chairs will schedule the Forum business sessions and further assist NARPM in general planning of the meeting. Efforts will be made to schedule 1-1.5 days of business sessions at times when the NARPM agenda does not include topics of special interest. Christine Williams (Region 1) reported that Todd Borci (Region 1), an RPM at the Massachusetts Military Reservation and Otis Air Force Base, has volunteered to participate in the conference panel on military munitions.

#### **UPDATE ON PERCHLORATE TECHNICAL PAPER**

John Quander, Technology Information Field Services Division (TIFSD), reported that TIFSD expects to begin drafting the perchlorate technical issue paper this spring. The paper will provide site-specific case studies on perchlorate-contaminated sites, with selected information from TIFSD's existing perchlorate web site. TIFSD will send the draft statement of work for the effort, as well as subsequent drafts of the document, to the Forum for review and comment. Members wishing to contribute more to the development of the paper may contact Quander or John Kingscott (TIFSD).

#### **UPDATE ON DOD FTE ALLOCATIONS**

Tracey Seymour (FFRRO) reported that DOD recently agreed to continue providing its current rate of BRAC FY04 funding to EPA for oversight at BRAC sites. The Agency's BRAC FY05 planning process will begin next month.

Mike Overbay (Region 6) distributed to the Forum a time line for BRAC 2005 activities. The schedule specifies that DOD shall develop by February 15, 2004, the final criteria to be used in making recommendations for closure and realignment of military installations. Any Congressional disapproval of the criteria must occur before March 15, 2004. By May 16, 2005, DOD must publish a *Federal Register* notice listing the installations for which closure or realignment is recommended.

#### **OB/OD UPDATE**

Overbay reported that he is continuing discussion with Dave Reisman (ORD/Cincinnati) concerning development of RCRA Subpart X guidance on cleanup at sites with areas of open burning/open detonation (OB/OD) of munitions. Overbay also has joined the Agency's Subpart X Workgroup that was formed to examine the need for Agency clarification on the issue and to identify potential solutions, including revisions to EPA's RCRA permitting rules. It was noted that Region 3 already has implemented a process for addressing OB/OD at RCRA sites and will have a significant role in developing the Agency's overall strategy.

## IMPACTS FROM NIKE ACID NEUTRALIZATION PITS

Williams inquired whether any Forum members have addressed ground-water problems posed by acid neutralization pits at FUDS. She described a scenario at a Region 1 NPL site where consistently high pH levels (9-12) have been identified in ground water at depths extending to shallow bedrock. The area is located downgradient of a NIKE acid neutralization pit. Members expressed no prior experience with this problem, but agreed that additional site investigation is appropriate.

## OPEN MIC

It was noted that the Agency is continuing its efforts to identify methods for streamlining site cleanup at DOD sites. Jim Kiefer (Region 8) reported that he plans to attend the upcoming FFLC meeting, at which an update on the Forum's activities may be presented.

## ATTENDEES

Christine Williams, Region 1  
Paul Ingrisano, Region 2  
Stacie Driscoll, Region 3  
Steve Hirsh, Region 3  
Felicia Barnett, Region 4  
Dave Seely, Region 5  
Mike Overbay, Region 6  
Chris Villarreal, Region 6  
Jim Kiefer, Region 8  
Glenn Kistner, Region 9  
John Quander, TIFSD  
Tracey Seymour, FFRRO  
Gareth Pearson, ORD/Las Vegas  
Randall Ross, ORD/Ada  
Sandra Novotny, EMS, Inc.